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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 4382

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM CUTBACKS - PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: SINGAPORE 4328

1. BOSTON GLOBE CORRESPONDENT CROCKER SNOW FILING STORY TODAY  
STATING THAT "AS OF YESTERDAY (NOVEMBER 12) FIVE SINGAPORE OIL  
REFINERIES WERE NOTIFIED THAT THEY COULD NO LONGER SELL  
PETROLEUM TO US NAVY". EMBASSY WHEN QUERIED FOR VERIFICATION  
TOLD SNOW THAT IT WAS NOT IN POSITION TO COMMENT.

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2. SNOW'S BREAKING OF STORY ALMOST CERTAIN TO STIMULATE PRESS FLAP HERE IN MORNING AS WIRE SERVICES AND OTHER FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS FOLLOW UP. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE IN POSITION TO MAKE CREDIBLE RESPONSE SINCE IT IS WIDELY KNOWN IN SINGAPORE THAT OIL COMPANIES ARE NOT FILLING USN REQUIREMENTS. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED, WE PLAN TO USE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WHEN ASKED FOR VERIFICATION OF CUTOFF: "CERTAIN OIL COMPANIES HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO SUPPLY PETROLEUM PRODUCTS UNDER EXISTING DOD CONTRACTS." WE WOULD NOT COMMENT FURTHER.

3. THE GOS HAS NOT REPEAT NOT RAISED THIS MATTER WITH US IN ANY FASHION, AND WOULD BE EMBARRASSED AND UNHAPPY IF WE WERE TO INVOLVE THEM PUBLICLY IN SITUATION. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT IN ANY RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES HERE OR ELSEWHERE THAT WE DO NOT STATE OR IMPLY THAT GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE HAS REQUESTED OIL COMPANIES TO STOP SUPPLYING US MILITARY REQUIREMENTS EVEN IF PRESS REPORTS SO ALLEGE.  
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